B-3555 - B-3562 c.1855-1880's 319-301 E. Cross St. (South side)/1127-1129 Hall Alley (East side) Baltimore, Md. Private access

Although a number of houses were originally built along the south side of the 300 block of E. Cross St. in the 1830's or earlier, none now survive in their original condition, if at all. The block is improved mainly with late Victorian style houses. At 313-319 E. Cross St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in 1877-1878 by Joseph Thuman, a local house carpenter. At 309 E. Cross St. (to the west of Hall Alley, which runs down the center of the block), there is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, which may, however, represent a remodeling of the original 1830's-period brick house known to have existed on this site. At 305-307 E. Cross St. there is a pair of late Victorian style two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. Finally, at 303 E. Cross St., there is a three story, two bay wide brick house and at 301 E. Cross St., a three story, three bay wide brick house, both of which have shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. These latter two houses seem to represent post Civil War remodelings of original gable-roofed houses built on the site about 1855. At 1127-1129 Hall Alley there is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements, which are typical of the type of small alley house built for low-income families in the 1850's and 1860's. The houses are the only surviving houses along this block of Hall Alley, which was originally improved with a number of such houses.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed house built on this site in the 1850's and which formed part of a row of such houses extending along this side of Cross St. The house has been covered with formstone.

The house is three stories in height, about 14' wide, and occupies a lot 62' deep. There are no rear additions. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. A double rectangular chimney is located along the east side of the house on both the front and rear sections of the roof. There is no cornice except for a slight projection of the formstone covering at the roofline.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills cannot be determined because of the formstone covering, it appears the the first and second floor door and window openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The third floor windows have flat lintels, probably splayed brick. Currently the sills are brick headers, but these could be contemporary with the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. There is a Mission-style oak door set beneath a single light transom. The house sits on a very low basement, the entrance being reached by one brick step. There is a metal-covered coal opening located in the side-walk, just beneath the first floor window.

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SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850-1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry Hulsman

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, and the adjoining house at 301 E. Cross St. are significant as being representative of a large group of gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the area surrounding the Cross St. Market to serve as combination residential/commercial structures for the influx of small shop-keepers who were moving into the area to serve the needs of the growing community. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the floors above.

The houses were built by Henry Hulsman, who operated a grocery store at this location in the 1850's, 1860's, and 1870's. The house has been re-converted into a esidence and the original gable roof line obscured by a shallow parapet designed to give the appearance of a shed roof.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GES 202, Folio 16; <u>Baltimore City Directory</u>, 1855-56, 1857-58, 1860, 1874

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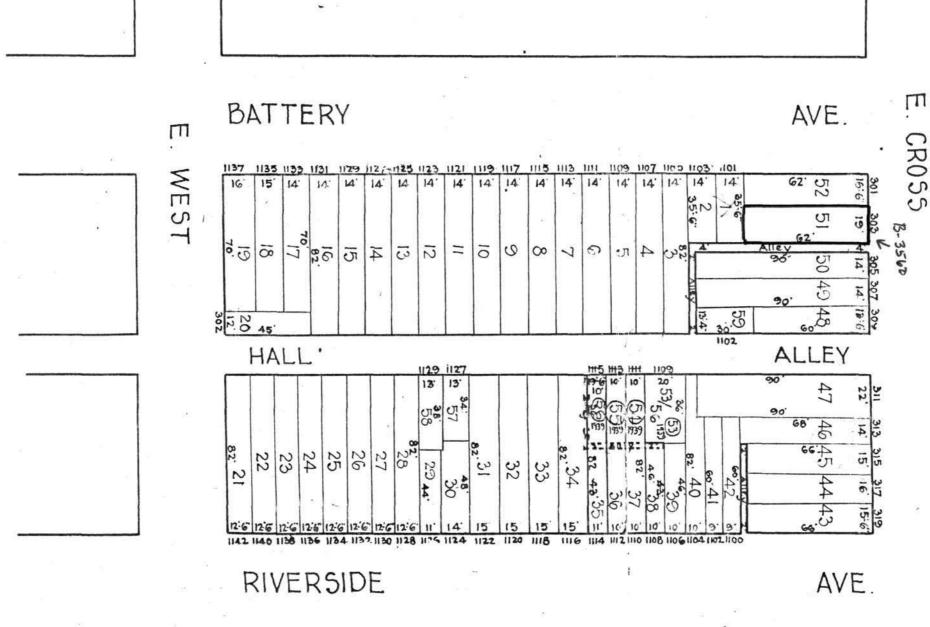
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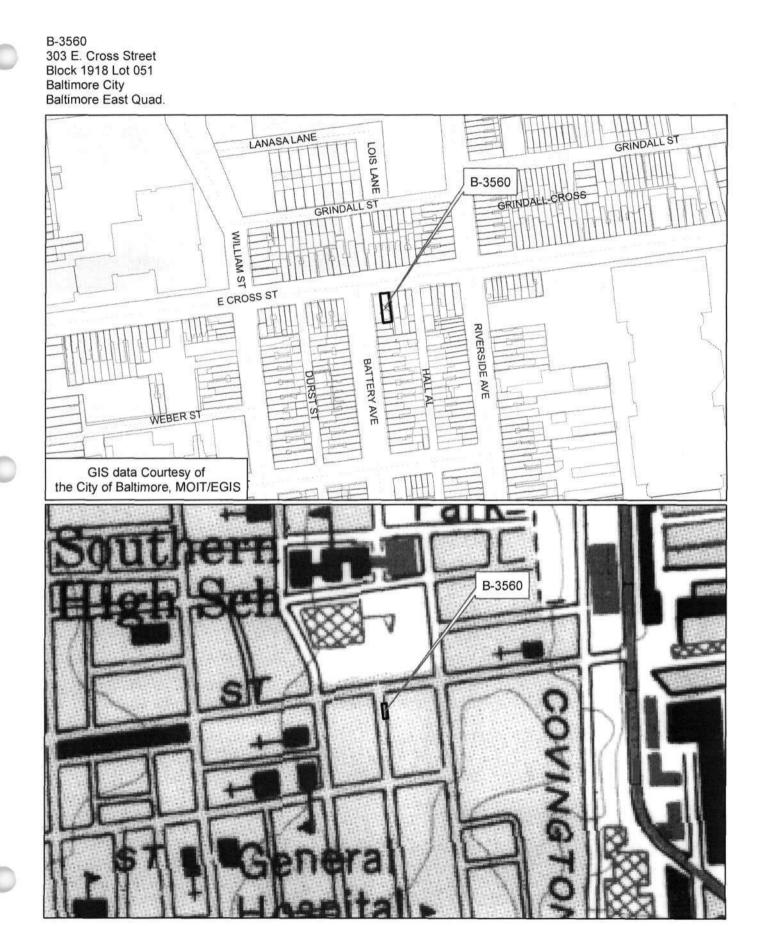
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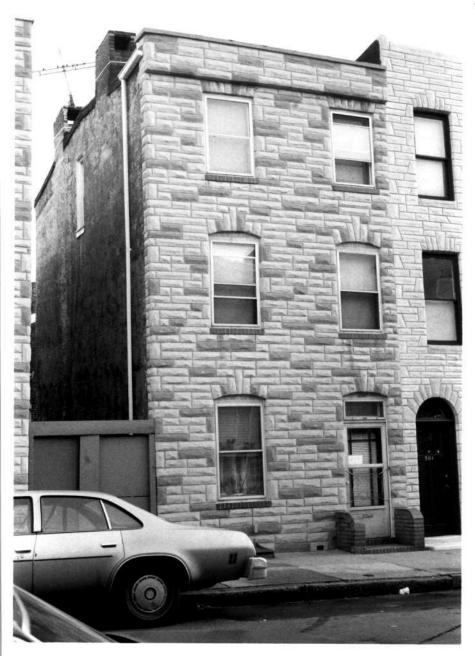
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